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1. Letter of David Ortega

Your Honour,

1/22/2022

Good day, Sir or Ma'am, I am writing to tell you what I know about Nick Wynberg after living with him for almost a year. Nick is my friend and person I have a lot of respect for. Nick has been so generous to me and I have seen him being just as generous with many other people. No matter how down I am feeling or how angry I am Nick always has a way of helping me see things from another perspective. He's always positive and optimistic and many of us go to him for counsel when we need to talk about whatever is bothering us. He's unfailingly patient and always does his best to listen for as long as it takes us to get things off our chest and then offers practical, positive advice no matter how ridiculous or irrational our problems are. Nick once told me when I was very angry, that when someone has hurt you, it's okay to be angry, that when someone does that we should acknowledge it, but that until I could let the anger go I would be emotionally stuck in the same place and never be able to move on and grow. It was the best piece of advice anyone has ever given me. Nick gave me a precious gift that day that has changed my life. I am in his debt and will always be proud to call him my friend and keep him always in my prayers. I believe in him and know he's a good person with good intentions and God has a great plan for his life. Thank you for your time and have a blessed day.

Respectfully yours,
David Ortega
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2. Letter of Jeff Hirschorn

DEAR HONORABLE
JUDGE ROMAN

I'M WRITING THIS LETTER ON BEHALF OF MY FRIEND NICK WINBERG. WE MET ON BLOCK 45E OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY JAIL. WHERE WE'VE BEEN HOUSED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR INCARCERATIONS AROUND 18 MONTHS AGO. NICK IS A PERSONABLE, GENEROUS, KIND MAN WHO I TOOK TO ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WHEN WE MET. I WAS IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE THEN, I'M 62 YEARS OLD HAD NEVER COMMITTED A CRIME AND HAD NEVER BEEN IN A JAIL. I FOUND MYSELF IN THE DEEPEST DESPAIR OF MY LIFE!

NICK FIRST SAW ME WHEN WE WERE BOTH ON LINE TO GET MEDS. HE MUST HAVE NOTICED THE PAIN I WAS IN AND IMMEDIATELY BUT GENTLY APPROACHED ME WITH HIS BIG SMILE AND WARM DISPOSITION AND TRIED TO ENGAGE ME. HE OFFERED SOME ARTICULATE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND WE BEGAN TO TALK. HE WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST INMATE I FELT COMFORTABLE TALKING TO, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME I FELT A SLIGHT CRACK IN THE TERROR I HAD BEEN FEELING. IT'S AMAZING THAT FROM THAT FIRST SHORT EXCHANGE OF

WORDS NICK AND I HAVE BECOME GREAT FRIENDS, AND I KNOW WE WILL REMAIN FRIENDS, "WHEREVER OUR PATHS MAY LEAD IN THIS CRAZY WORLD". NICK IS AN INATELY POSITIVE PERSON THOUGH I KNOW HE HAS SUFFERED THROUGH MANY DEEP COMPLEX TRAUMAS AND HAS A HISTORY OF BEING ABUSED. OVER THE MONTHS I HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW HIM WELL AND HE HAS GOTTEN TO KNOW ME AS WELL. HE NEVER STOPS LEARNING AND HE'S SO WELL READ, HIS BREATH OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SUBJECTS RANGING FROM HISTORY TO POLITICS TO SCIENCE KEEPS US IN AN ALMOST ENDLESS DIALOGUE. HE

NICK NEVER STOPS TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE UP HERE. HE CONTINUES TO TRY TO PROP ME UP WHEN I GET DOWN AND I'M THANKFUL THAT I'M NOW CAPABLE OF RETURNING THE FAVOR WHEN HE GETS SAD.

NICK IS ALWAYS COMING UP WITH POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEMS. I'VE SEEN

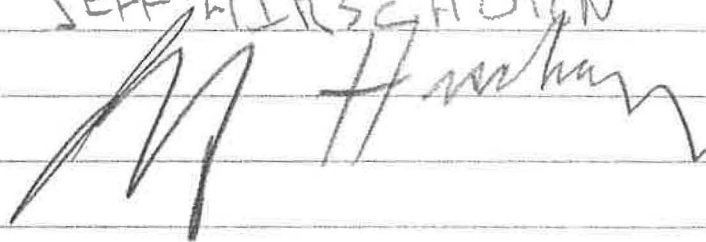
HIM DO THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN WITH SO MANY RESIDENTS, HE JUST CAN BRING SOMEONE UP WHEN THEY ARE DOWN, HE DOES THIS AT TIMES WHEN I KNOW EVEN HE IS DOWN, "THATS JUST THE KIND OF GUY HE IS." YES NICK LIKE ALL OF US HAS HIS FLAWS BUT HE WORKS SO SO HARD TO HEAL HIMSELF. I'VE WATCHED HIM EVOLVE SO MUCH SINCE WE FIRST MET AND I KNOW HE'S ON THE RIGHT ROAD NOW WITH HIS LIFE HE'S GOT THIS HUGE INCLINATION FOR SELF SACRIFICE FOR GIVING WITHOUT ASKING FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN AND THIS PENCHANT FOR PROTECTING THE UNDERDOG IN ALMOST ANY SITUATION. I'VE WATCHED HIM STAND UP TO PEOPLE TWICE HIS SIZE IN HERE IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOMEONE SMALLER NEVER WITH VIOLENCE BUT WITH SHEER CHARACTER AND REASON. HIS WORK ETHIC IS AMAZING! ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING INCARCERATED HE OBTAINED A COVETED TRUSTEE JOB. HE WAS ONE OF THE ONLY INMATES ALLOWED OFF THE BLOCK DURING THE 2021 COVID OUTBREAK TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN.

WHICH WAS BADLY SHORT STAFFED DUE TO QUARANTINE. MOST OF THE COMMANDING OFFICERS WERE KNOW HIM AND RESPECT HIM. IF THEY WERE ALLOWED MANY OF THEM WOULD HAVE WRITTEN HIM LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. SADDLY THAT IS AGAINST JAIL POLICY.

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE I COULD WRITE ABOUT MY FRIEND NICK, WE'VE SHARED MANY EXPERIENCES OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS. I HOPE TIME AND PLACE ARE GOOD TO BOTH OF US AND WE WILL BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO ~~CONTINUE~~ CONTINUE OUR FRIENDSHIP "ONE OF THE BEST I'VE EVER HAD" IN THE REAL WORLD. FATE AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH THESE THINGS" WHICH I UNDERSTAND" BUT I HOPE LUCK AND PERHAPS SOME HIGHER POWER WILL PERMIT US TO COME TOGETHER. I'M GOING TO MISS HIM WHEN HE LEAVES BLOCK 45C. HOPEFULLY I'LL CATCH UP TO HIM IN HIS JOURNEY. I KNOW OUR FRIENDSHIP IS DESTINED TO CONTINUE! I HOPE WE CAN

BOTH LEAVE POSITIVE MARKS IN
A REALLY TOUGH WORLD

SINCERELY
JEFF HIRSCHORN

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3. Letter of Christopher McGorman

I'm writing this letter on behalf of my friend Nick Wynburg. We met on the 4SE Block New jail of Westchester County jail around 18 months ago.

"Height of the Covid epidemic" needless to say not a nice time to be in jail.

When I met Nick he was a pleasure to be around and talk to. I was going through alot especially with my case. Nick ~~was~~ would talk to me, calm me and always have me in a better mood. I have to say he does not belong in jail. I would even call him a good friend of mine. I always see him helping the out others by talking to them, also people who are hungry he feeds them with his own and treats everyone with respect.

He cleans and also the corcial cleaning he does. He has become a model inmate as of showing what type of person he is. He doesn't show fits of rage or any violent behavior. He walks around with a ~~smile~~ smile and converses with

everyone. Have not seen him mad or
sulken around but the complete opposite.
I feel awful he's in here but I'm glad
I had the pleasure in getting to know him.
I hope and pray nothing but the best
for him.

Christopher McGowan

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4. Letter of Daniel Flores

Dear Your Honour,

Nicolas Wynberg is a good friend of mine and someone who I have lived with for almost 19 months. I have read some of the bad things that people have said about him in his case, and I want to share some of the good things that I know about him. Jail is a very difficult place. It can be violent, frustrating, depressing, hopeless and dangerous in many ways, emotionally, physically, & spiritually etc. Despite all of this Nick has remained constantly out of harms way. He is always pleasant and generous, kind and positive one of the nicest people I have ever met. I've never seen him angry or violent or aggressive and never heard him speak about being angry and wanting to harm anyone. He has often spoken of the fact that he and he alone is responsible for being ~~encarcerated~~ incarcerated and blames only him self. He has often told others, my self included on what a waste of time it is to hold onto anger and to just accept it and let it go and get on with your life. The only person in this world that Nick hates is himself and for that I feel sorry for him. I know about some of the horrible things that were done to him and what has been through isn't fair to anyone. Nick doesn't blame the world for his problems, he blames him self. Nick is not a danger to society, he's only a danger to himself. He wants so badly to stop suffering and find peace. I pray that he is given that opportunity. Thank you for listening your Honour.

Sincerely

Daniel Flores

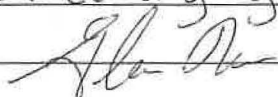
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5. Letter of Glen Whu

Dear Honorable Judge

I would like to start by saying I hope you and your family are doing well during this pandemic and difficult time we are all going through. This is my first time incarcerated afraid and alone. I chose to be put in protective custody. behind a cage not having access to the kitchen for hours Nick would heat up food for me and bring me ice for cold drinks. Nick was the first one to assure me that I had nothing to worry about and convinced me to lift my P.C. Statute at this point I was able to go to groups and join the prison minister in the months spent with Nick he has been supportive with me and others. I was very inspired by Nick's friendship especially in a place like this. It has allowed me to believe that there are people who still care and have not given up on me and care. I've seen this from Nick on numerous occasions put his best effort out to help others regardless of any circumstances. Whether he knew the person or not I wish him the best in his future and keep him in my prayers. May God be with us all thank you for your time

Sincerely yours


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6. Letter of Brian Garrio

DEAR JUDGE ROMAN,

MY NAME IS BRIAN GARRIO, I AM CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY JAIL. IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT NICOLAUS WYNBERG IS TO BE SENTENCED SOON. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO TELL YOU SOME THINGS ABOUT NICOLAUS WYNBERG, THAT I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION UPON SENTENCING. I FIRST MET NICOLAUS WYNBERG WHILE AT YOUR COURTHOUSE, SHORTLY AFTER MY GRANDFATHER HAD PASSED, AND I WAS GETTING BULLIED BY OTHER INMATES AT THE JAIL FOR CRYING. NICOLAUS WYNBERG TOLD ME HOW TO GET INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AT THE JAIL, AND I HAVE BEEN HOUSED WITH NICOLAUS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM EVER SINCE. IN OUR TIME TOGETHER SO FAR, NICOLAUS HAS GIVEN ME MORE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT THAN ANY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH STAFF MEMBERS IN THE JAIL, AND HAS BEEN A LEADER OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM GROUPS. NICOLAUS WYNBERG MOST CERTAINLY IS IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THAT IS BEYOND THE JAIL PROGRAMS' ABILITIES, BUT FOR NOW HE HAS GOTTEN

OFF TO A GOOD START. WHICH IS ALL THAT HE CAN DO WHILE INCARCERATED. NICOLAUS WYNBERG AND I HAVE DISCUSSED FOUR WINDS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN KATONAH, AMONGST MANY DIFFERENT PSYCHIATRISTS THAT HAVE GROUPS AND PROGRAMS IN THE REAL WORLD THAT BOTH HE AND I COULD ACQUIRE HELP FROM UPON OUR RELEASE, WHENEVER THAT MAY BE. I AM AWARE OF HOW SERIOUS THE CRIME THAT NICOLAUS COMMITTED IS, BUT I WOULD BE VERY SHOCKED IF HE EVER WERE TO DO ANYTHING THAT MAY CAUSE HARM. AFTER GETTING TO KNOW HIM, I CAN SAY THAT I WOULD TRUST HIM TO HELP ME TAKE CARE OF MY LOVED ONES. NICOLAUS WYNBERG HAS SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL OF ABUSE, WHICH HAS CAUSED HIS MENTAL ILLNESSES, THAT HE IS NOW READY TO ADDRESS WITH ALL OF HIS EFFORTS, ONCE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO DO SO. YOUR HONOR, WE BEG YOU, PLEASE ALLOW NICOLAUS WYNBERG THE CHANCE HE SO NEEDS TO ADDRESS HIS ISSUES, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, SO HE CAN SHOW THE WORLD THE COMPASSIONATE AND CARING PERSON HE REALLY IS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT NICOLAUS WYNBERG TRULY

HAS A GOOD HEART.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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BRIAN GARRIDO

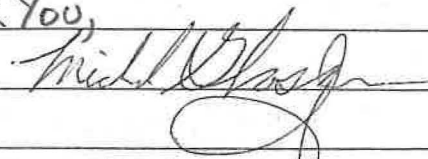
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7. Letter of Michael Glosque

Dear Honorable Judge

I am writing on behalf of Nick Wynberg.
I have lived with Mr. Wynberg for a while now. He has helped me, we have argued, we have gotten to know each other well. Personally I have found him to be a nice person. He is very passionate and sometimes that can be taken the wrong way. But, when you get to know him, when you find out what he is really like, I have found him to be very caring, thoughtful, respectful, honorable and compassionate and has empathy like very few people I have met in my fifty two years. Nick has at times when I was down, like when my Mother passed away days before Thanksgiving, helped me get through it. I don't know if I could have handled it without him. My Mother was/is everything to me. Nick will always be seen as my friend.

Thank You,



Michael Glosque

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8. Letter of Atiq Bah

Honorable Judge Roman,

I want to share with you my impression of Nicholas Wynberg, after living with him for 8 months. In jail people get angry or frustrated lose their temper or get aggressive and even physically fights are common things. I have never seen personally NICK lose his temper or be aggressive even when people were being aggressive or disrespectful to him. I never saw Nick to react with violence and quite the opposite I have seen him on couple occasions walk away from people who were threatening him.

I even saw him walk away after being punched in the face by another inmate who mistakenly hit him. That inmate later apologized and Nick very gladly accepted his apology.

In short, I have never seen Nick to be violent or aggressive, contrary to that always patient and peaceful and most often a kind and selfless person who is always eager to help others. ~

Respectfully
Atiq Bhatt

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9. Letter of Sylvester Williamson

Honourable Judge

I'm writing to you with respect to Nicholas Wynber. Nick and I have lived together on 4 SE in Vahalla at the Westchester County Jail for more than a year now, and in that time we have been through a lot. Through all of the ups and downs, Nick has always been there for me and others. He has been different things to different people. He has been kind, he has been caring, he's been generous and helpful in so many ways and never stops trying to help anyone who needs it. Despite his own personal suffering, which is great, he never allows his pain from being positive and optimistic when interacting with the rest of ~~us~~ us. Many of us go to him when we need to talk to and I even seen officers relying on his advice and his did when dealing with problems on the block, on many occasions. As a result to his help Nick has been offered many small privileges that he refuses to take advantage of because he doesn't believe he should be treated any differently and certainly no better than the rest of us. I care about Nick and he's a good friend. That said, I don't understand him very well. He seems to hate him self and

doesn't think he deserves anything, yet he seems to care about everybody else and constantly gives what he has to anyone in need. He takes better care of us on the block than ~~himself~~ himself. He's in a lot of pain and I pray for him to find peace often. After everything he has done for us I believe he deserves it.

Respectfully

Sylvester Williamson
Sylvester Williamson

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10. Letter of Phyo Hein Htut

Dear Honorable Judge Roman,

It's my pleasure and I am glad that I get a chance to write a letter to a respectful and justifiable honorable judge Roman. I have never written a letter to a judge in my life. Now I am really proud of writing a letter to a federal judge. I am one of the inmates living together with Nicolas Wynberg. I consider him ^{NOT ONLY} my friend but ~~also~~ a great guy. I know him as a well educated nice man and also ~~smart~~ ^{very smart}. He has many strong beliefs and is very honest. According to what he told me within this six months and living together with him I notice that he is suffering from great sadness though. He is always trying his best to be a positive person. Nick is a guy who would rarely say no to anyone ~~from~~ giving almost everything he has. When it comes to his beliefs he has some amazing ideas. My friend has suffered from trauma and depression since he was a little kid. He really wants to ~~make~~ ^{find} a better place. I understand and realize that he needs love and mercy from God in his life. He can be the best he can be.

person outside^{world} when he got a good environment
 and right people. He have sins we all have some
 his not great. In my opinion what I believe
 is he is not ever a bad person he is ~~trying~~
~~about that~~ person. I am writing this
 letter about my friend Nick and what is
 really going through his life. He has helped me a lot
^{thank you} so much giving my your time to read this letter
 my honor. I wish god is always with you
 and god bless you my honor.

Respectfully
 PHYO HEIN HTUT
 Rhyr

P.S. I am from Myanmar it's difficult
 me to write in english thank you for
 understanding if my writing isn't perfect

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11. Letter of Ron Hood



George Latimer
County Executive

Department of Community Mental Health

Michael Orth, M.S.W.,
Commissioner

12/09/21

Stephen R. Lewis, LLP

North Court Building

175 Main Street, Suite 800

White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Nicolaus Wynberg

JID# 259052

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Please be advised that Nicolaus Wynberg was deemed in full compliance with the C.O.R.E. (Community Oriented Re Entry) program, provided by the Department of Community Mental Health, since his booking date of 07/17/20. As of 07/17/20, Mr. Wynberg has attended all group and individual sessions as scheduled. Our Re-Entry program is collaboratively composed of CHOICE of NY, Mental Health Association of Westchester, MH Empowerment Project, Human Development Services of Westchester and the Westchester County Department of Health that provided services onsite for Mr. Wynberg during his incarceration and will also support Mr. Wynberg with his future aftercare plan.

Please be advised that C.O.R.E. is a Re Entry and Case Management program, not an alternative to psychiatric treatment.

Sincerely,

Ron Hood, CASAC

C.O.R.E. Coordinator, Department of Community Mental Health

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